CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019, 7:30 P.M. 301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DOCKET

- **1.** Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
- **2.** Approval of the January 28, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
- **3.** Written Staff Report
 - a. Public Hearing Follow-up
- 4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket]

CONSENT CALENDAR

An item on the consent calendar will be heard only if a Board member, City staff or a member of the public requests it be removed from the consent calendar. Items not removed will be approved or recommended for approval as a group at the beginning of the meeting.

- **5. ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to:
 - 1. Remove 15 feet of parking on the west side of Commonwealth Avenue at Leadbeater Street.
 - 2. Remove 15 feet of parking on the west side of Commonwealth Avenue at Herbert Street.
- **6. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 20 feet of parking at the northeastern corner of the intersection of North Payne Street and Wythe Street

PUBLIC HEARING

7. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to establish a restricted overnight parking district on the following streets:

5600 Block Rayburn Ave.

5600 Block Harding Ave

2300 Block N. Sibley St.

2200 Block N. Chambliss St.

2300 Block N. Chambliss St.

2400 Block N. Chambliss St.

2500 Block N. Chambliss St.

5700 Block Grigsby St.

2300 Block Tracy St.

8. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install No Turn on Red restrictions at the Porto Vecchio driveway and Washington Street

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Traffic and Parking Board

DATE: February 25, 2019

DOCKET ITEM: #5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

1. Remove 15 feet of parking on the west side of Commonwealth Avenue at Leadbeater Street.

2. Remove 15 feet of parking on the west side of Commonwealth Avenue at Herbert Street.

REQUESTED BY: Zack DesJardins

LOCATION: Commonwealth Avenue and Leadbeater Street, Commonwealth Avenue

and Herbert Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES to remove 15 feet of parking at each intersection to accommodate safer traffic flow at the northwestern corners of the intersections of Commonwealth Avenue with Leadbeater and Herbert Streets.

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: The City Code does not allow parking within 20 feet of the intersection of the curb lines of two streets.

"No person shall park a motor vehicle or permit a motor vehicle to stand, whether attended or unattended, on a street in front of any part of a private driveway or, at any intersection of streets, within 20 feet from the intersection of curb lines or, if none, within 15 feet of the intersection of the surfaced portions of the streets. (Ord. No. 3402, 9/16/89, Sec. 92)"

The stopping distance for an average vehicle traveling 25 mph, according to a study by NACTO is 85 feet. The current sight distance at these intersections allows for approximately 75 feet of stopping distance if all parking spaces were used. The City is focused on improving transportation safety through Vision Zero initiative with a focus on reducing the most damaging crashes, which data have shown to include drivers with other drivers making turns, people walking, and people biking. Mr. DesJardins requested two parking spaces be removed at each intersection for better visibility.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: These two intersections do not conform to city code because parking is allowed only 15 feet from the intersection. Further, with the bike lane and crosswalk as well as reported difficult turning movements for drivers, safety for all modes would be improved by removing

¹ https://nacto.org/docs/usdg/vehicle_stopping_distance_and_time_upenn.pdf

parking on the northwest corner of the intersection. As seen in **Attachment 4**, staff recommends removing approximately one parking space, or 15 feet beyond the Code required 20-foot parking setback at each intersection. This change will provide a parking setback of 35 feet from the intersection. This setback is needed to facilitate better sight lines for vehicles traveling on Leadbeater Street, Herbert Street, and Commonwealth Avenue, as well as people walking and crossing the street, and people biking in the bike lane on Commonwealth Avenue. There are currently, on average, 200 bicyclists using Commonwealth Avenue in a day.

Parking currently allows for multiple options of off-street parking for businesses and housing in the area. Staff determined the removal of this space will have minimal impact on parking in the area.

OUTREACH: Staff contacted Mr. DesJardins to determine interactions and responses from the City. City staff also contacted original responding staff to learn more context for the request, learn what communications staff had previously, and to learn the process taken to determine the original denial of the request to remove parking. Staff also spoke with another resident of the area that travels these intersections frequently on foot and in a car, who concurred with the issue of sight distance and parking too close to the intersection.

ATTACHMENT 1: REQUESTS and COMMUNICATION

From: Zack DesJardins

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 10:33 AM

To: Darren Buck < Darren. Buck@alexandriava.gov>; Christine Mayeur

<christine.mayeur@alexandriava.gov>; Alexandria Carroll

<Alexandria.Carroll@alexandriava.gov> **Subject:** Fwd: Call Click Connect 158721

Hi Complete Streets team,

I hoping some daylighting requests along the Commonwealth bike lanes would be approved and would not require your help but apparently not. I have seen or experienced numerous near misses along this stretch of Commonwealth due to poor sightlines. People trying to walk across at the Herbert/Commonwealth and Leadbeater/Commonwealth intersections are invisible behind parked cars. I don't want to wait until someone is seriously injured or killed before this simple change is made. Is there anything you guys could do?

Zack

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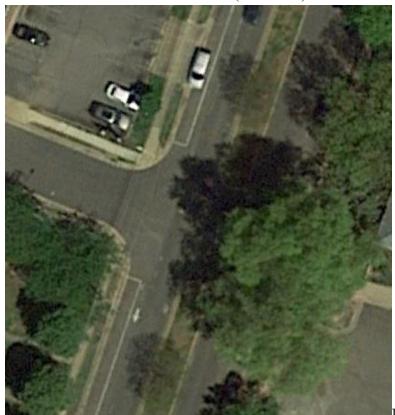
What type of sign is it? "Parking"
Please describe the sign you are requesting "No parking, here to corner"

Please move the Commonwealth parking lane away from the intersection of Leadbeater St (both sides) because it is painted too closely to the intersection, giving about 15' of daylighted space instead of the city law required 20'. It is very difficult for people to drive to see people using in the bike lane because cars are parked too close to Leadbeater St. in fact, I have been nearly hit by cars while using in the bike lane. While the parking lane often appears well—used, every SINGLE property near this lane has their parking lot, neighbors will not miss a few extra feet of space. Since we are a Vision Zero city and this

involves a bike lane, I request 30' of space from the intersection of Leadbeater and Commonwealth two curblines, and 30' of space on Leadbeater St.

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ATTACHMENT 2: LOCATION (AERIAL)



Leadbeater Street



Herbert Street

ATTACHMENT 3: LOCATION (STREETVIEW)



Leadbeater Street traveling westbound to Commonwealth Ave, looking north



Herbert Street traveling westbound to Commonwealth Ave, looking north

ATTACHMENT 4: RECOMMENDATION

Leadbeater (Removal of one parking space on the north side of the intersection)



Herbert (Removal of one parking space on the north side of the intersection)



City of Alexandria, Virginia

Traffic and Parking Board

DATE: February 25, 2019

DOCKET ITEM: #6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 20 feet of parking at the northeastern

corner of the intersection of North Payne Street and Wythe Street

REQUESTED BY: Miranda Gabbard

LOCATION: Wythe and N Payne Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES to remove 20 feet of parking at the northeastern corner of the intersection of N Payne and Wythe Streets to accommodate a safer pedestrian crossing.

BACKGROUND: Wythe Street and North Payne Street is controlled by two-way stop signs. North Payne Street is the stop-controlled approach to the intersection and Wythe Street has no stop signs. Ms. Gabbard requested the removal of one parking space on the northeastern corner of the intersection to enhance visibility for people walking and driving. One person walking was hit at this intersection in the past 10 years and they were seriously injured from the crash. Transportation Industry guidance states that safe crossings must not have parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk.²

Further, this area is highly walkable and pedestrian oriented. The Braddock Road Metro Station, park spaces, a daycare, restaurants, and other amenities are within two blocks of the intersection.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The intersection is along one of the City's primary access points for the Metrorail system, and has multiple residences and amenity destinations within walking distance. The geometry for this intersection is skewed, making the northeast corner have some sight distance issues for both people trying to cross and drivers. Given that the industry standard guidelines state that there should be 20 feet of no parking between a crosswalk and allowable parking, staff recommends removing one space to accommodate a safer crossing environment.

<u>OUTREACH</u>: Staff contacted Ms. Gabbard as a response to the request filed on the Call.Click.Connect system.

² MUTCD 2009 Section 3, Figure 3B-21

ATTACHMENT 1: REQUESTS and COMMUNICATION

From: Miranda Gabbard To: Christine Mayeur Subject: Re: CCC 161386

Yes that would be great. A lot of my neighbors st the Asher have the same issue and lighting would increase visibility. Another issue is the NE corner, people park right up to the line so some drivers are caught off guard so making a no parking a few feet from the corners would help them see us.

On Fri, Jan 11, 2019 at 8:59 AM Christine Mayeur wrote:

Ok great! What we can do is put in high visibility crosswalks in the Spring, when we are able to stripe. These enhance driver visibility of people trying to cross the street. We'll do this as a first step and see if that improves conditions. Typically we do not install flashing pedestrian lights at an intersection.

How about street lighting? In your experience, does it feel bright enough in the evenings?

Christine E. Mayeur, AICP

From: Miranda Gabbard

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 5:31 PM

To: Christine Mayeur **Subject:** Re: CCC 161386

Oh thank you! Payne and Wythe

On Thu, Jan 10, 2019 at 2:32 PM Christine Mayeur wrote:

Hello Ms. Gabbard,

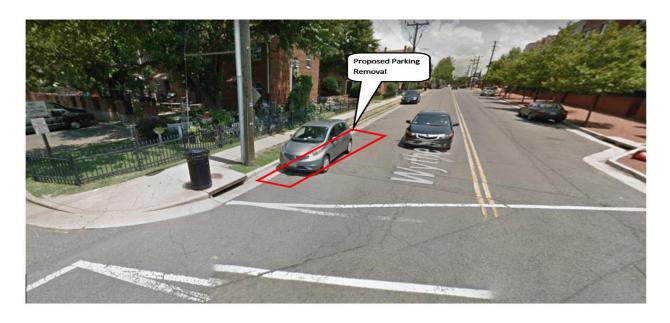
Can you give me a better idea of where you are requesting this crosswalk improvement? I think you mean Wythe and Payne? Please confirm so we can determine the next steps.

Thank you, Christine

ATTACHMENT 2: LOCATION (AERIAL)



ATTACHMENT 3: LOCATION (STREETVIEW)



City of Alexandria, Virginia

Traffic and Parking Board

DATE: February 25, 2019

DOCKET ITEM: #7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to establish a restricted overnight parking

district.

REQUESTED BY: Joseph Pukas, resident of 5600 Block of Harding Ave.

LOCATION: 5600 Block Rayburn Ave.

5600 Block Harding Ave 2300 Block N. Sibley St. 2200 Block N. Chambliss St. 2300 Block N. Chambliss St. 2400 Block N. Chambliss St. 2500 Block N. Chambliss St. 5700 Block Grigsby St. 2300 Block Tracy St.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the City Council the establishment of a restricted overnight parking district.

BACKGROUND: The residents of the blocks listed above (Attachment 1) submitted a petition requesting the establishment of a restricted overnight parking district to prohibit vehicles without a valid City of Alexandria decal from parking between the hours of 12AM and 6AM. Most of the blocks have enacted the District 12 daytime parking restrictions (No parking 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday, except for vehicles with a City decal), so there is a noticeable increase in vehicles, particularly non-resident vehicles, on the street past 5PM. The proposed restricted overnight parking district borders the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County boundary.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Pursuant to Section 5-8-82 of the City Code, a request to create a restricted overnight parking district should be made by a petition signed by residents from at least two thirds of the properties within the proposed district. The residents have submitted a petition with signatures from residents of 90% of the properties. The Code also requires that the proposed district include at least 200 spaces. The number of spaces on these streets is approximately 204 spaces. Finally, the Code requires that a survey be conducted during the restricted parking hours (midnight to 6 AM) to determine if more than 25% of the parked cars are owned by non-residents. A survey was conducted on January 22, 2019 and found that 32% of the parked vehicles did not display a City of Alexandria decal and were non-residents.

Since the criteria for establishing a restricted overnight parking district has been met, staff recommends approval of this new district. The Board's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for the final determination on creating a new district.

<u>OUTREACH</u>: Seminary West Civic Association was notified that this block is being considered for a restricted overnight parking district via email.

ATTACHMENT 1: LOCATION (AERIAL)



ATTACHMENT 2: REQUEST

Restricted Parking District Petition

We the undersigned residents hereby request that the city create a restricted parking district on the following blocks/streets.

5600 Block Rayburn Ave. 5600 Block Harding Ave. 2300 Block N. Sibley St. 2200 Block N. Chambliss St. 2300 Block N. Chambliss St. 2400 Block N. Chambliss St. 2500 Block N. Chambliss St. 5700 Block Grigsby St. 2300 Block Tracy St.

We understand that if approved only vehicles with a valid City of Alexandria vehicle Registration decal will be able to park on the above blocks/streets Between the hours of 12 midnight to 6 Λ M. We also understand that the district include a minium of 200 on street parking spaces. 67 percent of the residents abutting each block face in the profosed district must sign a petition in favor of the overnight district and, in order to qualify, at least 25 % of the vehicles parked in the proposed district are not registered in the City of Alexandria. Currently signage reads 8 AM to 5 PM -----Mon thru Fri ----and wishing to include 12 Midnight – 6 AM every day except Holidays .

Request that it be changed to read.

8 AM to 8 PM Mon to Fri 12 Midnight to 6 AM EVERY DAY EXCEPT HOLIDAYS

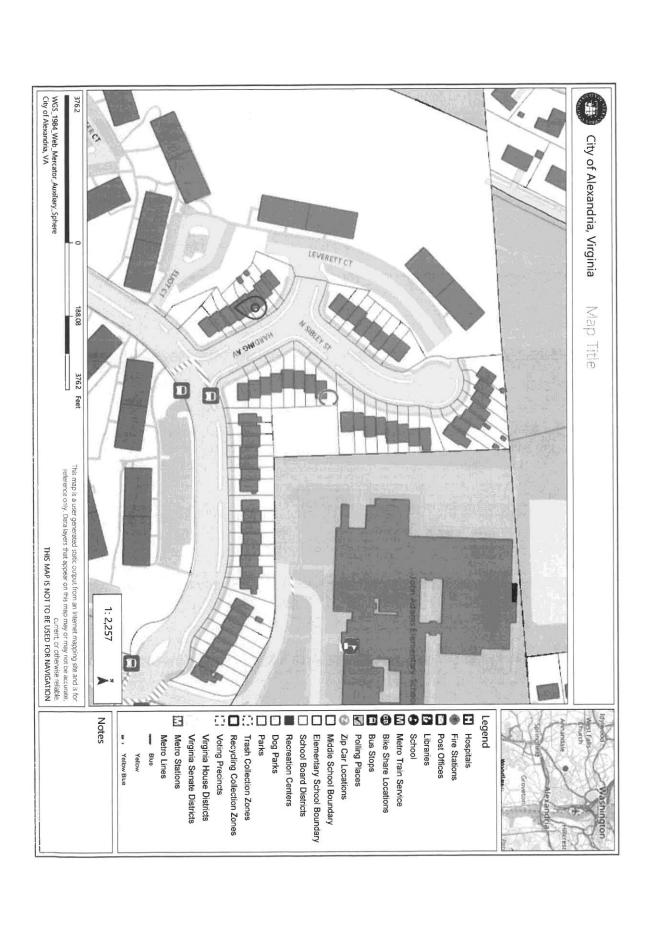
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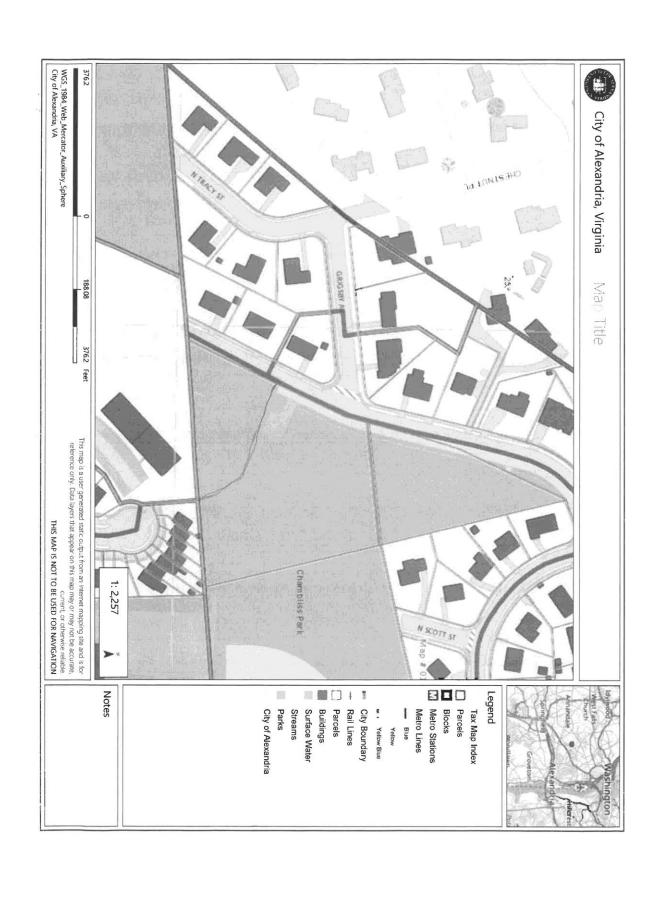


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Parking Rules Change Petition

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5667	JAMES WALFRAMW	Jamos Walterman	11-7-18	
5669	LIZ DIGREGORIO	Rea Di Dregorgio	11-03-18	
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5608	Kristy Phillips	lar,	11/3/18
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Restricted Overnight Parking District Petition

We the undersigned residents hereby request that the City create a restricted overnight parking
district on the following blocks/streets: The 2200 to 2500 blocks of North Chambles
We the undersigned residents hereby request that the City create a restricted overnight parking district on the following blocks/streets: The 7200 to 2500 blocks of North Chambliss Street; The 5700 block of Grigo by Street and The 2300 block of Tray Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22311
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We understand that, if approved, only vehicles with a valid City of Alexandria vehicle registration decal will be able to park on the above blocks/streets between the hours of 12 midnight to 6:00 A.M. We also understand that: the district include a minimum of 200 on street parking spaces, 67 percent of the residents abutting each block face in the proposed district must sign a petition in favor of the overnight district and, in order to qualify, at least 25% of the vehicles parked in the proposed district are not registered in the City of Alexandria.

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Theresa Pugh	Theresa Pugh	2313 N. Tracy St	Dec 2, 2018
WINNIE MERRITT	Win Neuts	2306 N. Tracy St.	12/2/2018
Tim Hothinger	Tim Heter	2301 N. Tracy St.	12/2/18
Robin Bertel	FW	5709 Grigsby St.	12/2/18
AARON EDMUNDS	AZO	2314 N. TRACY ST	12/2/13
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Mary O'Donohue	Mary Down Lue	2291 N Chambliss St.	P/2/18
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City of Alexandria, Virginia

Traffic and Parking Board

DATE: February 25, 2019

DOCKET ITEM: #8

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install No Turn on Red restrictions at the

Porto Vecchio driveway and Washington Street

REQUESTED BY: John Pickett

LOCATION: 1250 South Washington Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES to revise the "*No Turn on Red When Pedestrians Present*" sign at Porto Vecchio's exit onto Washington Street to "*No Turn on Red*".

BACKGROUND: The entrance to the Porto Vecchio Condominium property forces vehicles to cross the Mt Vernon Trail to access Washington Street. The Mt Vernon Trail is a major dedicated bike and pedestrian pathway that connects to the larger East Coast Greenway trail. The current sign restricts right turns on red only when pedestrians are present. This is inconsistent with the next high-rise residential building to the north, which has an all-time No Turn on Red restriction.

The City is focused on improving transportation safety through the Vision Zero initiative and adding protections for vulnerable users to reduce crashes. The resident requesting the sign change was struck by a vehicle exiting the condominium lot.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The sight distance of the trail is constrained by landscaping and entry walls. The trail is only lit within 120 feet of the intersection because of the curvature. As seen in **Attachment 4**, the sight distance is shortened by mature trees and the curvature of the trail.

The condo association recently removed shrubbery in response to a previous request to improve sight distance for vehicles exiting in response to safety concerns from the residents about interactions with people biking. To address the sight distance constraints, staff is recommending that the restriction be extended to an all-time no turn on red. This will be consistent with the next driveway to the north that crosses the Mt. Vernon Trail and make operations more predictable for everyone.

<u>OUTREACH</u>: Staff contacted Mr. Pickett, Mr. Kilcullen of the condo's External Affairs Committee and another resident, Mr. Al Boyer to notify them of the addition to the February docket.

ATTACHMENT 1: REQUESTS and COMMUNICATION

CCC 165413

□ □ Initial customer description □ □

At the intersection of Porto Vecchio condominium and the S. Washington Street, the traffic light has a sign facing Porto Vecchio that says "No Turn on Red when Pedestrians are present". Drivers leaving Porto Vecchio routinely ignore this sign. I was riding my bike north on the Mount Vernon Trail with the right of way when a driver of an SUV hit me after failing to stop for the red light. This occurred in March 2017. Since then I have been especially careful at this intersection and have avoided being hit on well over a dozen occasions by drivers ignoring the sign. The latest occurrence was Tuesday of this week when the driver of an SUV leaving Porto Vecchio drove across the trail to take a right turn on red. Please change the sign to "No Turn on Red".

I am certain that it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. Please do not let that happen. Thank you.

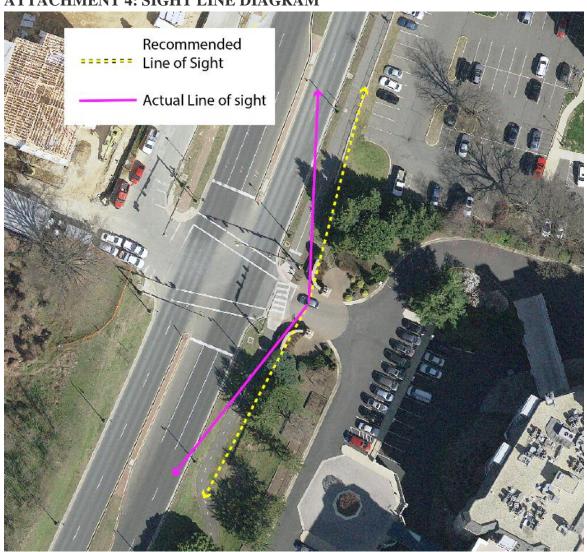
ATTACHMENT 2: LOCATION (AERIAL)



ATTACHMENT 3: LOCATION (STREETVIEW)



ATTACHMENT 4: SIGHT LINE DIAGRAM



STAFF UPDATES

- Staff Updates and Oral Reports

 Beauregard School flashers 9.
- 10. Commissioner Updates